



Welcome back to a new school year! I hope everyone enjoyed a memory-filled summer. A special welcome to the new SCS families.

- **What is HASA?**

HASA stands for Home and School Association. This organization is similar to a PTO in a public school. A HASA fee per family is added on to the tuition each year. We use these funds to pay for the cost of each class field trip, we run a variety of school social activities, and we raise money through the SCRIP program to pay for in-school enrichment programs offered to each grade annually.

- **Who is part of HASA?**

Every family at St. Catherine of Siena School!

- **How can you become involved?**

The HASA executive team welcomes your involvement in whatever manner you can provide. **No matter the size of your commitment we will always welcome your help.** You can attend one of our monthly meetings, volunteer at a HASA event, or chair a HASA event. Grab a friend and make it a team effort! Our meeting dates for 2018-2019 are as follows:

Thursday September 13, 2018	Thursday February 14, 2019
Thursday October 18, 2018	Thursday March 14, 2019
Thursday November 15, 2018	Thursday April 11, 2019
Thursday December 13, 2018	Thursday May 23, 2019
Thursday January 17, 2019	Thursday June 13, 2019

All meetings are at 6pm in the Siena Room. Dates and time may be subject to change.



- **Which events currently have open chair positions?**

We are currently looking for someone (or a team of two) to chair our annual **Mother-Son event**. In the past, this event has ranged from floor hockey to bowling to a carnival. We are open to your creativity!

We are also looking for an **IBL Coordinator**. IBL (intramural basketball) is a program that is run for 4th and 5th grade students on Friday nights for approximately six weeks, December through January. Kids love coming to socialize and learn some basketball skills to start their weekend. The program will start in December and end in January. Additional volunteers are always available to assist with skills, drills, and coordination of the kids.

New this year, we'd like to hold a **Middle School Bowling Night!** Of course, we need someone to coordinate! This new event will be a welcome addition for our older kids.

- **Do you receive volunteer hours for assisting with HASA events?**

Yes! Event coordinators receive 20 volunteer hours. Event volunteers receive 5 hours.

- **How can you learn more about HASA?**

Plan on attending one of our monthly meetings! You can also check out our section of the SCS website, <http://www.scsnorwood.com/parent-involvement/>, or find us on Facebook - SCS Home and School Association (HASA). You can also reach out to anyone on our executive team:

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- **Welcome Back BBQ!**

Please join us for our Welcome Back BBQ on Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup> between 5pm and 7pm. We'll have hamburgers and hot dogs and some festivities for the kids. It's a great opportunity for new families to meet friends and for our current families to catch up after the summer! Please see the included flyer for more details.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled and productive year!

Sincerely,

Shannon Connell

Mom of Patrick (6<sup>th</sup> grade), Grace (5<sup>th</sup> grade), and Jack (2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

## **HASA Sponsored Activities 2018-2019 (expected)**

Welcome Back BBQ

Halloween Party

Christmas Party

Intramural Basketball Program

Ski Club

Family Breakfast

Middle School Bowling Night

Bowling Club

Father-Daughter Dance

Mother-Son Event

Road Race

Used Uniform Sales

HASA Teacher's Cup

Teacher Mini-Grants

Multiple Enrichment Programs to be scheduled throughout the year